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State Library seeking state director and community engagement coordinator for Imagination Library



The Indiana State Library is currently seeking a state director and a community engagement coordinator for its Imagination Library state program.

[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)

program, a part of Gov. Eric Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda, was fully-funded in the governor's budget. The State Library will be the state program

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: July 6, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Implementing Digital Tools](#)

When: July 12, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Using Tabletop Role-Playing Games to Teach, from Pre-K to Adult Learning](#)

When: July 19, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: July 25, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Webinar and at the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[What's Up Wednesday - Edelweiss and Libraries](#)

When: July 26, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Games and Programming](#)

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Community Engagement
Coordinator - Imagination Library](#)

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[State Director for Imagination
Library of Indiana](#)

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[Public Services Librarian - Juvenile
Focus](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Strategic Planning and Assessment
Officer](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Librarian - Youth Focus](#)

La Porte County Public Library

[Branch Manager](#)

Tippecanoe County Public Library

Those who would like their Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word must submit the position and its description to the Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news

sponsor in partnership with The Dollywood Foundation, and together will work to expand the library. The Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income.

The state director is a key component of the success of the statewide Imagination Library. The state director manages all aspects of staffing, budget management and programs for the purpose of implementing and maintaining the statewide Imagination Library program and ancillary efforts that encourage Indiana children to read.

The state director will develop short and long-term strategies for sustaining and promoting statewide Imagination Library efforts.

A bachelor's degree is required. Eight to 10 years of senior level experience preferred, including developing and managing staff, budgets and programs. Experience developing new and innovative strategies for achieving organizational goals is also preferred.

Click [here](#) to read a full job description - including additional requirements and information about salary and benefits - and to apply.

The State Library is also seeking a community engagement coordinator for the Imagination Library.

With a focus on the mission, this position plays a critical role in developing and maintaining strong relationships with Imagination Library program partners, volunteers, staff and supporters statewide, assisting them in areas including, but not limited to,

When: Aug. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Indiana Library Leadership
Academy Opening Day](#)

When: Aug. 16, 3-8 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Indiana Library Leadership
Academy](#)

When: Aug. 17, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Indiana Library Leadership
Academy](#)

When: Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and
School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: Aug. 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Jennings County Public Library

[Dyslexia and the Public Library](#)

When: Aug. 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Writing
Policy Without Worry](#)

When: Aug. 30, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and
School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: Aug. 31, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Peru Public Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and
School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Crawfordsville District Public Library

[What's Up Wednesday - "You might
have heard we had a fire." Eckhart
Public Library](#)

When: Sept. 13, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Difference is You Conference](#)

When: Sept. 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and
School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time



[Rock the Plaza's July kickoff takes center stage](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Library children's department to reopen soon as flooring work continues](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[Library milestone: Hope branch prepares to celebrate 25 years](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[Brownstown Public Library board to meet July 18](#)

Brownstown Public Library

[Carnegie Public Library displays art, brings FW Taiko drummers](#)

Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County

[Library planning Magic: The Gathering draft event](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Take your best shot](#)

Hancock County Public Library

[Garden Care program set for Seymour library on July 7](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Jackson County Library 'Friends of Library' sale is July 15](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Seymour Library hosting program on raising chickens](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Girls Inc., JCPL plan period product drive](#)

Johnson County Public Library

maintaining their enrollment growth capacity and financial stability. In addition, this position is called upon to manage specific projects and initiatives of the statewide Imagination Library that relate to statewide fundraising, enrollment, impact research and public or private collaborations.

A bachelor's degree required. Three years management-level experience, including managing staff, volunteers, budgets and programs is also required.

Click [here](#) to read a full job description - including additional requirements and information about salary and benefits - and to apply.

Difference is You Award nominations extended until July 14



Nominations for the 2023 Difference is You Award have been extended until July 14.

Library employees are encouraged to nominate a support staff member who is an inspiration in their library community. The Indiana State Library's Professional Development Committee is seeking someone who has gone above and beyond in their role as a library support staff member. The winner will be announced at the Difference is You conference on Sept. 15, at the Indiana State Library.

The Difference is You conference is a training event for library support staff and paraprofessionals, created by the Indiana State

Where: Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library



Welcome to the Government Information Minute. Every other week, government information librarians at the Indiana State Library cover current resources on governmental data at the state, national and international levels, all to keep the public well-informed. Follow the Indiana State Data Center on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and feel free to leave comments and suggestions.

Government documents, 160 years in the past



The Fourth of July of 1862 was an exciting Independence Day for [Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley](#), author of "Behind the Scenes: Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House." Rather, she imagined it would be. It was the summer before President Lincoln would issue [Proclamation 95](#), stating people who were enslaved in states that had

[Library programs include baking, crafts, exercise](#)

Kendallville Public Library

[Teen escape room set for July 12](#)

Milford Public Library

[Supporters clear Peabody Public Library out of books in Pride displays](#)

Peabody Public Library

[Teens get creative at the library](#)

Syracuse Public Library

[Friends of the Library meet Monday](#)

Washington Carnegie Public Library

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State Library blog



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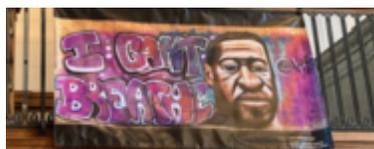
Library's Professional Development Committee. The theme for this year's conference is "Butterfly Effect: Small Actions Can Lead to Big Changes."

The nomination link can be found on the [The Difference is You conference](#) webpage. Nominations are due by July 14, and past award winners are not eligible to be nominated. A list of past awards winners can currently be viewed on the site.

Please check the website at a later date for session announcements and descriptions, a conference schedule and registration information. Registration information will be announced shortly.

Please contact [Kara Cleveland](#), Professional Development Office supervisor at the Indiana State Library, with any questions.

Encyclopedia of Indianapolis displays Murals for Racial Justice on new exhibit module



The [Encyclopedia of Indianapolis](#), a free-access, web-based encyclopedia that tells the stories of the people, organizations, places and events that define Indianapolis, is sharing [Murals for Racial Justice](#) on the Encyclopedia's newly-launched exhibit module.

The Murals for Racial Justice project was a response to protests that erupted in downtown Indianapolis and worldwide after the death of George Floyd in

seceded from the United States were now free, enabling more Black troops to fight for the Union. That April, Lincoln had signed the [D.C. Compensated Emancipation Act](#), which abolished slavery in Washington, D.C., as a predecessor to the Emancipation Proclamation. In Keckley's book, she describes the experience of freedmen in Washington D.C. in the summer of 1862, with words that sound like a foreshadowing of The Great Migration:

"They came with a great hope in their hearts, and with all their worldly goods on their backs... they came to the Capital looking for liberty, and many of them not knowing it when they found it. Many good friends reached forth kind hands, but the North is not warm and impulsive. For one kind word spoken, two harsh ones were uttered.

"The bright dreams were too rudely dispelled; you were not prepared for the new life that opened before you, the great masses of the North learned to look upon your helplessness with indifference – learned to speak of you as an idle, dependent race. Reason should have prompted kinder thoughts."

It was her experience that summer that led her to found the [Contraband Relief Association](#), an organization both the President and Mrs. Lincoln contributed to, and eventually Frederick Douglass and Boston philanthropists. She was re-elected president of the association the next year.

Black troops were also assisted by a national organization, the National Freedman's Relief Association, which held its first annual meeting one year later on [April 10, 1863](#).

'Dyslexia and the Public Library' webinar

aspects of the State Library.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



Escape Room Kits coming in 2024



Beginning in January 2024, the Indiana State Library will begin offering Escape Room Kits for teachers and librarians.

Each History Escape Room Kit will align with Social Studies Standards in Indiana for grades 6-12. These standards include map reading,

Minneapolis on May 25, 2020. Indy Arts Council, PATTERN and St'ArtUp 317 Incubator organized the project with financial support from Glick Philanthropies, commissioning local Black artists to create murals on storefronts that had been boarded up downtown.

“We believe that the murals helped people see the world differently, and provided many opportunities for structural change which is still going on,” said Julia Muney Moore, director of public art with Indy Arts Council. “This project allowed the artists involved to share in their frustrations, grief and hope, and the project helped create a new space for Black artists to grow and be seen in Indianapolis.”

Through the newly-launched exhibit module, the Encyclopedia of Indianapolis provides access to a portion of these murals in a virtual exhibition, using high-quality photos to document the historic significance of the project. In addition to images of the murals, the exhibition includes photos that identify where the original murals were located downtown, photos of the artists and artist statements.

The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis is a partnership among The Indianapolis Public Library, the Polis Center and numerous cultural and heritage organizations. The Indianapolis Public Library also offers 3-foot by 5-foot vinyl banners of the murals to the public, which can be checked out with a library card.

Click [here](#) to read the full IndyPL press release.

scheduled for Aug. 29



On Tuesday, Aug. 29, the Indiana State Library will present "Dyslexia and the Public Library" from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The webinar will include a quick overview of the science of reading and dyslexia. Attendees will learn how to apply best practices to create a welcoming place for all brains, including people with dyslexia. The webinar will also explore ways that public libraries can serve as a dyslexia resource center for children and parents and help promote awareness in local communities.

The webinar will be presented by Shaiya Badgley, literacy specialist, and Josiah Colombo-Espinosa, senior dyslexia specialist, both from the Indiana Department of Education Literacy Center.

The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Click [here](#) to read more and click [here](#) to register.

Those who cannot attend the live webinar may request to have the recording sent to them - usually within 30 days of the live session - [via this form](#). The webinar will also be posted on the Indiana State Library's [Archived Training page](#).

industry in Indiana, primary and secondary sources, and events and movements in the 20th century.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the kits and to read information on upcoming training sessions.

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